GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OFFER OF RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PLANES TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian Government have offered some of their indigenously manufactured planes like Tupolev aircraft and the four engine Ilyshin-96 to India to replace the Airbus and Boeing for domestic operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether the safety and other aspects of these planes have been fully and independently tested; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): In February, 1999, the Ministry of CivilAviation referred a proposal from the Trade Commissioner representing the Russian Federation in India offering Russian aircraftincluding TU-204 and IL-96 to Indian Airlines. The details of the information required by Indian Airlines in respect of these aircraft were explained on 15.03.1999 to the team from M/s.Aviaexport who represent the interest of Russian aircraft manufacturers. Preliminary information on Russian manufactured aircraft was provided to Indian Airlines in April, 1999. However, requisite information/data asked for by Indian Airlines for technical evaluation was not provided by the Russian Authorities.

Subsequently on 31st July, 2000, M/s.Sirocco Aerospace International requested Indian Airlines for tender documents to enablethem to offer TU 204 aircraft. In view of non-availability of requisite information/data for technical evaluation and the advanced stage of the techno-economic evaluation study, to replace the fleet of B-737 and A-300 aircraft as well as augment capacity, it was decided by Indian Airlines not to respond to the offer of M/s Sirocco Aerospace International.